

Month. My district is home to more than 30 miles of beautiful California coastline, which includes some of the most incredible marine and sea life. Sightings of whales and dolphins off the beach and marina have brought tourists and locals alike to Dana Point for decades. Making this local phenomenon more accessible, Donna and Gisele collaborated as co-directors of the Dana Point Whale Watching Company for sightseers to experience the magic up-close.

Their advocacy for local cetacean brought joy to all who frequent the city, but Donna and Gisele thought bigger, believing the world also deserved to know just how special the marine life experience in Dana Point is. With their combined effort to put the city's name on the map by showcasing the exceptional 450,000 "dolphin stampede" and year-round sightings of rare whales, Donna and Gisele worked together to earn Dana Point well-deserved international recognition.

In order to make that happen, the women formed a steering committee composed of civic, scientific, academic, business and community leaders, overcame challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and competed internationally to achieve the title that honors Dana Point's tradition as a pioneer in marine conservation. Due to their diligent work with the World Cetacean Alliance (WCA), Dana Point is officially recognized as the first and only Whale Heritage Site in the Americas and one of only four in the world. Better yet, they took the extra step to legally trademark Dana Point as the Dolphin and Whale Capital of the World.

As a native Southern Californian, I know first-hand how incredibly special our coastline and marine life are to the community. I'm grateful to Donna and Gisele for leading the charge in also letting the world know just how blessed we are to have these incredible creatures right here in our backyards. As leaders in the community, I thank them both for their advocacy and trail blazing efforts of bringing global attention to the United States of America being home to the most amazing populations of dolphins and whales like nowhere else in the world, especially in Dana Point. I'm honored to recognize them both as my April Constituents of the Month.

DAMION SCOTT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Damion Scott for earning the Top Mixed Media Award for his creative and unique artwork as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition.

As a first-time participant in the art show and a student at Westminster High School, Damion created a work of art entitled, "Extinction: A Crisis". This artwork used mixed media including watercolor, pen and acrylic, and it depicts the Puerto Rican parrot and hibiscus running down the page hinting at their existence while also addressing the issue of extinction.

Damion spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine his mixed media drawing skills and edu-

cation in the arts. I appreciate his participation in the competition and the support provided by his teacher at Westminster High School.

Congratulations to Damion Scott for his hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain he will exhibit the same dedication and character in his future accomplishments, and I wish him the best of luck going forward.

HONORING CLASS PRIVATE SECOND
SUDBRINK ROBERT HAROLD

HON. CHRIS JACOBS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JACOBS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the accomplishments of an extraordinary man and hero, Private Second Class Robert Harold Sudbrink of Youngstown, New York.

Robert was born and raised in Astoria, New York, the son of William Sudbrink, an electrician who worked on the World Trade Center, and Mary Normoyle Sudbrink, a homemaker. He is the sixth of seven children. Two of his older brothers, William and Thomas, worked as New York City firefighters.

Robert was named after his uncle, Robert J. Sudbrink, who also had a decorated military career—he received the Silver Star from General John "Blackjack" Pershing for his service in World War I.

Continuing his family's history of decorated military service, Robert enlisted in the Army after graduating from Valley Stream South High School in 1968 at age seventeen. He completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. He went on to complete his Airborne infantry training at Fort Gordon, Georgia, Airborne School at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Special Forces training at Fort Bragg in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

On July 4, 1969, Robert was deployed to the Central Highlands of Vietnam as part of the 173rd Airborne Infantry Brigade. There, he worked closely with the South Vietnamese Army.

On March 13, 1970, Robert distinguished himself in the village of Loc Thai. There, he encountered a home in flames and acted on his instincts to assist the family inside. Instead of waiting for help, he entered the home multiple times to save a child's life, the family's food supply, and their personal belongings. He also helped the village extinguish the fire before it could spread to the rest of the village. For his heroic efforts, Robert was awarded the Soldier's Medal two months later.

After the war, he was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army and returned home to New York City. In 1982, he met his wife, Bonnie Sudbrink. Together, they moved to Western New York and eventually built a home in Alden, New York.

In Alden, Robert worked as a mail handler for the United States Postal Service for twenty-two years. Now retired, Robert enjoys traveling, playing the banjo, and creating artwork in his free time.

He and his wife Bonnie have two daughters, both residing in New York: Courtney Lennon, an author and historian; and Maggie Matullo, an artisan. He also has two granddaughters: Gia and Olivia.

Our country could not be prouder of Private Second Class Robert Harold Sudbrink, a fellow New Yorker and true American hero. Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring Robert for his heroism, in thanking him for service, and recognizing him as the New York 27th Congressional District's Veteran of the Month of May 2021.

HONORING THE 2020 TEEN MISS
AGRICULTURE USA, SAMANTHA
HARPER

HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I am proud to honor Miss Samantha Harper, 2020 National Teen Miss Agriculture USA of Florahome, Florida. Miss Harper is a 2021–22 Florida State Fair Ambassador where she demonstrates her love for Florida's strong agricultural traditions. She also serves as president of the Putnam County 4-H County Counsel and is a proud FFA student and student government participant at Q.I. Roberts Jr./Sr. High School. Congratulations to Samantha on all of her accomplishments.

EVITA CARRASCO

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Evita Carrasco for earning the First Place Award for her creative and unique digital drawing as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am thrilled that this artwork will be on display in the United States Capitol for one year.

As a first-time participant in this art show, this student from Wheat Ridge High School created a work of art "A Blinded Goat". This artwork used a digital drawing of a red woman, blue background, lots of hands and a goat.

Evita spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her drawing skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teacher at Wheat Ridge High School.

Congratulations to Carrasco for her hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

IN RECOGNITION OF DAVE
PEOPLES

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Dave Peoples for his

decades of service to the Huntingdon County community as he retires from the Juniata Valley Emergency Medical Service.

After volunteering for the fire department, Dave began his tenure as an EMT in 1979. During his time as a first responder, he has witnessed remarkable advancements in his profession. While the role of EMTs has changed over the years, the need for compassionate and capable providers has not.

Throughout his career, including the COVID-19 pandemic, Dave has remained a vital and consistent presence in the Huntingdon County EMS community, mentoring new EMTs and providing outstanding patient care.

For more than four decades, Dave Peoples' steadfast service has saved lives and benefitted the people of Huntingdon County. As this local hero retires following 42 years of service with the Juniata Valley and Huntingdon Emergency Medical Services, it is my honor to recognize his leadership, dedication, and grace under pressure. I thank Dave and his family for his many contributions to our community, and I wish him and the Peoples family every continued happiness in the chapters to come.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF THE
KIWANIS CLUB OF YPSILANTI

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the centennial anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti. I am proud to celebrate their 100 years of service to the children, youth, and families of our Ypsilanti community.

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan. In its early years, members focused on business networking but changed its focus to service, particularly service to children, by 1919. Following this admirable mission of service to local communities, the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti was chartered on April 13, 1921 with 86 members as the 15th Kiwanis club in the Michigan district.

One of the first projects that the Ypsilanti Club embarked on, led by a Michigan State Normal College professor, was an information campaign about the benefits of consolidating rural schools in Washtenaw County, which directly led to the establishment of Lincoln Consolidated Schools. Other projects include over a thousand volunteer hours spent paving a road, cleaning the shoreline, and beautifying Riverside Park, a project led by Andrew Smith—and finished all in one day. The Ypsilanti Kiwanis also ran the Full Circle House in the City of Ypsilanti, a home for those who need help getting on their feet after battling mental health issues. From building projects to their annual Duck Race, generations of Ypsilanti families have served in the club. Their selfless hours of service have benefitted the entire Ypsilanti community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti. We are grateful for the club's century of impactful work and wish the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti continued success in service in the years ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR.
ALFRED ARRINGTON

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable individual, the late Dr. Alfred Arrington.

Dr. Alfred Arrington began his earthly life on Feb. 3, 1943, in Laurel, Mississippi. The son of Mr. Olen Arrington Sr. and Mrs. Johnnie Mae (Morgan) Arrington, he was the third child in a family of five children.

On March 26, 1967, he married the love of his life, Josie Howard of Cleveland, Mississippi, and to this union, four children were born.

Alfred accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior at a very early age. He often testified to how the spiritual teachings at Pleasant Valley Missionary Baptist Church in Laurel inspired his devotion to God. On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, Dr. Alfred Arrington completed his final chapter in his earthly life journey.

In the fall of 1962, Alfred enrolled at Alcorn Agriculture and Mechanical College in Lorman, Mississippi. He graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education with a minor in biology. In 1964, he was initiated into Alcorn's Gamma Pi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. In 1970, Alfred continued his quest for excellence and earned a Master of Arts in education from Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee. In 1975, he proudly earned a doctorate in education from Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Alfred's profound career as an educator spanned beyond borders, and his diligence as a public servant was immeasurable. Professionally, his exceptional background allowed him to serve as assistant principal, head football coach and director of athletics in Lake Providence, Louisiana; research assistant to the dean of education at Tennessee State University; assistant to the dean for minority affairs and instructor at Oklahoma State University; visiting professor of anatomy and physiology at Delta State University; assistant vice president for academic affairs in the Office of Provost, vice president for academic affairs in the Office of Provost and chairman of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Department at Mississippi Valley State University; and adjunct professor and academic consultant at Alcorn State University.

Dr. Alfred Arrington leaves his cherished memories to his loving wife of 54 years, Dr. Josie Howard-Arrington of Greenwood; a son, William Davis of Laurel; three daughters, Dr. Wandra Arrington of Vicksburg, Mississippi, Margaret Michelle Arrington of Atlanta, Georgia and Eulette Denise (Jesse) Harris of Chicago, Illinois; a devoted sister, Luella (Jonas) Hardy of Laurel, Mississippi; eight grandchildren, Sydney D. Warren of Tuscaloosa, Alabama, Jordan K. Warren of Montgomery, Alabama, Michael V. Harris and Mason M. Harris, both of Chicago, Illinois, William L. Davis Jr. and William A. Davis Jr., both of Laurel, Mississippi, Taakanasha Davis of Laurel, Mississippi and Erica Martin of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; a godson, Rommel Isaac of Conyers, Georgia; a host of nieces, nephews,

grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives, family and friends.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of the late Dr. Alfred Arrington, in which he was a faithful community leader, worker and motivator.

LAURYN KARIS JENKINS

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lauryn Karis Jenkins for earning the Top Photography Award for her creative and unique photograph as part of the 2021 Congressional Art Competition.

As a first-time participant in the art show and a student at Wheat Ridge High School, Lauryn showcased a photograph entitled, "In a Dream". This artwork used traditional photography and is a black and white print of shadow puppets.

Lauryn spent countless hours and used numerous tools to learn new techniques and refine her photography skills and education in the arts. I appreciate her participation in the competition and the support provided by her teacher at Wheat Ridge High School.

Congratulations to Lauryn Karis Jenkins for her hard work and participation in the 2021 Congressional Art Competition. I am certain she will exhibit the same dedication and character in her future accomplishments, and I wish her the best of luck going forward.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF ROBERT
NEVAREZ FOR HIS SERVICE TO
THE CITY OF DELANO

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chief Robert Nevarez for his service to the community of Delano, California.

Chief Nevarez has worked in law enforcement for 35 years and spent his last three years as the Delano Chief of Police. During his career, Chief Nevarez served the Fresno Police Department for 32 years and worked as a teacher at Bakersfield College Delano Campus.

Chief Nevarez has helped strengthen community trust in his three years as Delano Chief of Police through several community outreach programs and events. He has been involved in Cafe Con Campeinos, Hispanic Resident Police Academy, Trunk or Treat, Shop with a Cop, Coffee with a Cop, No-Shave November, Police Trading Card Program, Autism Awareness Patch Fundraiser, Serving for a Cure, Loteria Con La Policia, Bingo and Badges, Jr. Police Summer Academy, and many other activities. He also led a lip sync challenge video that got over 1 million views and participated in a podcast series centered on ending gang violence.

Chief Nevarez is beloved by the citizens of Delano and will surely be missed as their Chief of Police. Dedicated to civic service, he